



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**  
**ARGONAUT MINE TAILINGS SITE**  
**Jackson California 95642**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 10 to July 11, 2011**



**WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?**

The California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Argonaut Mine Tailings site, along Argonaut Lane in Jackson, California, 95642.

The draft RAW proposes a remedy to address a five-acre section of the 65-acre site. DTSC believes the five-acre area located in the northeast portion of the property is the source of the elevated levels of arsenic on the site. DTSC's data has confirmed a significant threat exists to human health and the environment. The five-acres are currently fenced with limited access, but migration of contamination is not controlled. The draft RAW proposes to consolidate in place, neutralize the impacted tailings, cap with two feet of clean soil and reseed with native grasses. The remedy will require a land use covenant (LUC) and long-term management. Neutralizing the high pH in the tailings and placing a cap will control migration and exposures. The LUC will control incompatible land use and incompatible activities on the cap.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act. This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be consolidated and capped on-site.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

This notice provides the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the public comment period. DTSC encourages your participation. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Tami Trearse, Project Manager, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, e-mail address: [TTrearse@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:TTrearse@dtsc.ca.gov) and must be postmarked or e-mailed by July 11, 2011.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Jackson Public Library, 530 Sutter Street, Jackson, California 95642, and the DTSC file room at the address listed above. For more information about the site, please visit our website at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and follow the prompts to sites in Jackson, California.

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